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From the Executive Director



The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is pleased to announce the launching of a new online application system designed to streamline the grants administration process. The Electronic Grants Management System (E-grants) was developed in Pennsylvania in 2004, with the primary goals of reducing grant preparation time for local agencies, improving data quality and communications, standardizing grant applications, and improving efficiency of the grant review and approval processes.

Effective January 1, 2012 organizations that are interested in applying for a federal grant must now complete the entire grant application online. The initial roll-out of the new system will be funded by grants from ICJI's Youth, Victims Services, Drug & Crime and Traffic Safety divisions. The new online application has no changes from the previous application in terms of the type of information that is required. ICJI sub-grantees can expect to receive a letter from program managers in the very near future, which will provide additional details about the new E-grants system. I invite you to read more.

Sincerely,
Mark Massa
Executive Director

ICJI Introduces New Technology Solution



As part of our mission, ICJI is charged with developing "long-range strategies for the effective administration of Indiana's criminal and juvenile justice systems and administers federal and state funds to carry out these strategies."

On that foundation, we also strive to embrace strategies that deliver enhanced processes that serve the needs of staff and stakeholders alike. In addition to conserving paper, the E-grants system will allow ICJI staff to collect and measure project performance data.

This new technology tool provides current and potential grantees with many added benefits. Applicants will have real-time access to a

record of all grant applications submitted online, creating a history of all grant funding or funding requests. Additionally, the online system offers many special features that will improve communications during and after an application is submitted. Although this new online application system represents a change to the process through which grants are submitted, it does not represent a change to the grant guidelines.

While this new tool will remain dynamic and continue to evolve, we understand that certain challenges and questions will inevitably arise. In addition to making you aware of this new online system, we will work closely with all of our partners to provide regular updates, support materials and technical assistance. Grantees will receive a schedule of grant solicitations from your program manager and will be notified when the system goes live on the ICJI website. We look forward to getting the new program off to a great start.

Efforts to Reform Juvenile Justice Continue to Expand

The FY 2011 Title II Formula Grants RFP and application were released July 6, and were due on July 29, 2011. This year, priority consideration was given to those programs that fit under a limited number of purpose areas *AND* have the greatest statewide impact. Once final award information is received from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), grant awards will be made to local and statewide programs. The statewide expansion of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) continues, as the Annie E. Casey Foundation conducted Systems Assessments in Lake, Porter, Tippecanoe and Johnson Counties in May.

They also conducted an assessment

of Indiana's juvenile justice system as it relates to system reform. Executives from the Casey Foundation returned to Indiana on August 12, 2011, to present the findings and recommendation from the assessment studies.



This information is being used to help the state and the JDAI sites make informed decisions about how to best implement practices of JDAI.

ABOVE: ICJI Youth & Traffic Safety divisions support "All Pro Dad" – an event that endorses the values of fatherhood by uniting fathers and their children through a worthy event. Messages promoted at the event included Indiana's ban on texting while driving, and End Underage Drinking messaging (Sept., 2011).

Research Partnership Aims to Improve Effectiveness of Criminal Justice Initiatives

As a testament to the progress the Research division has made over the last several months, the state's first ever victimization survey was completed earlier this year in March and documents summarizing the results are expected to be completed in the near future.

The partnership between ICJI and the Center for Criminal Justice Research (CCJR) has finally gotten under way. In July, ICJI partnered with CCJR to support a project that will help improve the effectiveness of state-funded criminal justice initiatives.

The project will look at efforts financed by 10 state funding streams, compare those to

efforts nationwide, and identify the characteristics of those that work best.



The first stage of the two-year project will identify those types of programs that have been shown to be the most effective.

The second stage will catalog existing criminal justice data to help make data-driven criminal justice decisions. A key component of this second stage will be to identify gaps in available data that limit the state's ability to make evidence-based criminal justice decisions. The project is expected to begin producing reports soon.

ICJI Supports Safe Schools, Kids

The Youth Division awarded 74 applications for 2011-2012 Safe Haven grant program. Safe Haven funding supports local school corporations by helping ensure the safety of the youth and staff by providing funding for evidence-based programming and support for School Resource Officers (SROs).



Upcoming Events

- **November 15** – The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention launched the first findings from the Natl' Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Survey.
- **November 19** - Operation Pull Over Awards Banquet.
- **December 6** (Jasper) & **December 8** (South Bend) - Advance Methamphetamine Investigation Training.
- **December 16** - Board of Trustee meeting.

Nearly \$16M to Benefit Victims of Crime, Domestic Violence

Since our last edition, the Victims Services division spent much of the spring and summer months scoring and reviewing hundreds of grant applications, which resulted in awarding close to \$16 million in federal funding to nearly 400 service providers across the state. The division administers seven funding streams including STOP, VOCA, SASP, DVPT, FFV, SOS and SSBG, which fund domestic violence shelters, crisis services, advocates in law enforcement and prosecutor's offices as well as child advocates, Centers of Hope and court domestic violence investigators.

The Victim Services staff would like to express their appreciation for all the work that is being done by

grantees on behalf of victims across our state and to reaffirm our commitment to positively impact the programs we serve.



ABOVE: E.D. Massa makes remarks during the Latino Coalition against Sexual & Domestic Violence annual statewide conference (Oct., 2011).

Division Connects with Grantees via Webinar, Training

For the first time, the Drug & Crime Control division (DCCD) hosted annual grant trainings via webinar. Webinar participants approved of the new delivery style and everyone benefited from the reduction in travel demands and travel cost. The DCCD will host additional webinars for grant recipients during the first quarter of 2012. Webinar topics will include quarterly and semi-annual reporting, budgeting and program income.

The Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center hosted the annual INGang Network and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Conference in October in Indianapolis. The conference, supported by a Byrne/ JAG grant, is free of charge and

open to law enforcement officers and criminal justice personnel. Attendees learned how correctional intelligence can be used in proactive policing and how it has helped to solve crimes in or around Indianapolis and about the FBI's Cryptanalysis and Racketeering Records Unit whose purpose is to examine, store and share information from encrypted gang documents and evidence.



Safe Family Travel

Beginning November 11, more than 260 Indiana law enforcement agencies will increase their patrols through the end of the month to make sure that everyone traveling throughout the Hoosier state enjoys a safe fall season.



Current Solicitations: Drug & Crime Control

The DCCD recently received applications for 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) and 2012 Residential Substance Abuse and Treatment (RSAT) programs. Grants will include, but are not limited to: programs that aid in crime reduction, the prosecution of drug and violent offenders and improve Indiana's criminal justice system. Applicants will be notified of award decisions in December.

Justice for Indiana Crime Victims



In 2008 Indiana law was amended to provide victim-advocate privilege (confidentially) to victim advocates who are employed by or who volunteer for a victim services provider, meaning that neither they nor their case files could be called in to court for testimony.

Soon after, a case arose in southern Indiana in which a judge demanded the case files in a Class A felony child molestation case. Executive Director

Beth Stein and her brave and determined advocates at Crisis Connection stood firm against the judge and law enforcement who delivered the subpoena. They immediately contacted ICADV's legal director, Kerry Hyatt Blomquist. Kerry traveled south to visit the court and had a discussion with the judge. She knew that this might be a case that she would have to take all the way to the Indiana Supreme Court - and she did. In mid-June the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Crisis Connection and victim-advocate confidentiality privilege. This is good news because as of February 2011 there were 25 subpoenas pending against domestic violence advocacy organizations around Indiana. Congratulations to Crisis Connection, Kerry Hyatt Blomquist, ICADV and Baker & Daniels for a job well done on behalf of victim advocates and the victims and families that they serve.

Target 2027...Reducing Traffic-related Fatalities, Saving Lives

The Traffic Safety division (TSD) has been busy planning for the new fiscal year and helping to implement life saving programs throughout Indiana. In this year's Highway Safety Plan (HSP) the TSD has embraced the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) stance to reduce fatalities in half by 2027. The TSD and our partners believe that this is a straightforward, ambitious, yet realistic goal. Indiana has a vision to do our part to reach this goal by reducing fatalities to fewer than 496 by 2027. To help reach this goal, the TSD continues to measure progress through over 25 performance measures in the 2012 HSP.

From August 19 through September 5 more

than 250 law enforcement agencies throughout Indiana participated in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* national mobilization. During this overtime funded mobilization officers worked more than 13,239 hours, specifically focusing on impaired drivers. This overtime effort was funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through the TSD. Officers working this effort made nearly 1,000 DWI arrests and apprehended 252 felons as well.



Law Enforcement Trainings

The Advanced Methamphetamine Investigative Trainings will take place on Dec. 6 in South Bend, and Dec. 8 in Jasper, IN. The Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) is providing the training to law enforcement professionals throughout the county at no charge with the help of funding from the US DOJ and BJA. The combined effort is supported by ICJI's DCCD, US Attorney's Office and South Bend and Jasper Police. Early registration is recommended. For more information visit

www.iir.com/registration/advmeth.aspx or www.in.gov/cji

Indiana Teens Rule the Road

On October 8, 2011, over 70 youth attended the *Rule the Road* teen driving event at Reid Hospital in Richmond. The students gained valuable hands-on driving experience with certified emergency vehicle operators. Good driving habits, such as wearing seat belts and not driving distracted or impaired were also reinforced. Additionally, the youth saw the consequences of a traffic crash played out before them through a mock crash. (LEFT: *Rule the Road* teen participants).